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Eric J. Stotzer, et al.

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Serial No:

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Art Unit: 2183

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For:

Methods and Apparatus for Reducing the Size of Code With an Exposed Pipeline

by Encoding NOP Operations as Instruction Operands

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The claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e)(1), was submitted in a Preliminary Amendment (copy attached) submitted October 31, 2000. It states:

--This application claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) of Provisional Application Number 60/173,795, filed December 30, 1999 (TI-26738P1); Provisional Application Number 60/183,357, filed February 18, 2000 (TI-26738P2); and Provisional Application Number 60/183,527, filed February 18, 2000 (TI-30302PS).--

The above paragraph claims priority to EACH application separately. They do not continue to claim benefit, as stated in the Filing Receipt.

The wording in the Filing Receipt should be: AND ALSO CLAIMS BENEFIT OF.

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Respectfully submitted,

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THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/173,795 12/30/1999

AND ALSO WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/183,357 02/18/2000

AND ALSO WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/183,527 02/18/2000

Foreign Applications

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Title

Methods and apparatus for reducing the size of code with an exposed pipeline by encoding NOP operations as instruction operands

**Preliminary Class** 

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# Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant: $\pm 44.6 \pm 35 \text{ U.S.O.}$ 17

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#### Foreign Applications

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Projected Publication Date: None, application is not eligible for pre-grant publication

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Title

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following sentence:

-This application claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) of Provisional Application Number 60/173,795, filed December 30, 1999 (TI-26738P1); Provisional Application Number 60/183,357, filed February 18, 2000 (TI-26738P2); and Provisional Application Number 60/183,527, filed February 18, 2000 (TI-30302PS).--

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Applicants submit to the Official Draftsperson, Formal Drawings (enclosed) incorporating corrections. Applicants respectfully request approval.

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